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SUMMARY. DELEGATION SHOULD SEEK TO AMEND RES 2/66 TO RE-
FLECT OPERATIVE ELEMENTS OF RES 27 OF WORLD CONFERENCE ON
INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S YEAR (WCIWY). GUIDANCE ON OTHER
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WCIWY RESOLUTIONS IS INCLUDED. END SUMMARY.

1. WCIWY RES 27 RESULTED FROM U.S. INITIATIVE CALLING FOR IMPACT STATEMENTS AND REVIEW AND APPRAISAL SYSTEMS CONCERNING THE EFFECT OF DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS UPON WOMEN AS PARTICIPANTS AND BENEFICIARIES. IN U.S. VIEW, THIS IS IMPORTANT IN UN SYSTEM, PARTICULARLY IN FAO RESOLUTIONS, SINCE IT PARALLELS PERCY AMENDMENT TO U.S. INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE LEGISLATION. OPERATIVE PARAS OF RES 27 RELEVANT TO FAO ARE SET FORTH ON LAST PAGE OF C 75/23.

2. WHILE SUPPORTING ADOPTION OF FAO RES 2/66 AS DIRECTED IN POSITION PAPER, USDEL SHOULD SEEK TO MODIFY IT TO INCLUDE PROVISIONS APPLYING TO FAO FOR AN IMPACT STATEMENT AND A REVIEW AND APPRAISAL SYSTEM BASED ON VALID

SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC INDICATORS AS PROVIDED IN IWY RES 27. THIS RESOLUTION BECAME KNOWN AFTER RES 2/66 WAS FORMULATED AND SHOULD BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT. DELEGATION MAY ALSO SEEK TO APPLY THIS TO MEMBER STATES THROUGH LANGUAGE MODIFYING PARA 3 OF RES 2/66 TO READ: "INVITES MEMBER STATES WHICH PARTICIPATED IN THE WORLD CONFERENCE OF INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S YEAR IN WHICH A WORLD PLAN OF ACTION WAS ADOPTED, TO UNDERTAKE MEASURES ENSURING THAT WOMEN PARTICIPATE IN AND SHARE THE BENEFITS OF DEVELOPMENT IN THE RURAL SECTOR, PARTICULARLY THROUGH USE OF IMPACT STATEMENTS AND REVIEW AND APPRAISAL SYSTEMS AS RECOMMENDED BY RESOLUTION 27 OF THE WORLD PLAN AND THROUGH THE RECOGNITION OF WOMEN'S FULL LEGAL EQUALITY AND THE ADOPTION OF MEASURES IMPLEMENTING SUCH EQUALITY."

3. AS BACKGROUND FOR DISCUSSION OF WCIWY RESOLUTIONS CITED IN DOCUMENT C 75/23, THE FOLLOWING REFLECTS U.S. POSITIONS TAKEN IN WCIWY:

A. FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS WERE APPROVED WITHOUT VOTE WITH U.S. SUPPORT OR ACQUIESCENCE: 1, 2, 8, 9, 11, 12, 14, 15, 24, 26, 27.

B. RES 3 WAS APPROVED WITHOUT VOTE AGAINST PROTEST OF 10 COUNTRIES INCLUDING U.S. THE U.S. EXPLAINED THAT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FOLLOWING OPERATING PARAS WERE OBJECTIONABLE: PARA 4 - FOR THE ASPECT OF SANCTIONS; PARA 8(B) - FOR PROPOSING INTERVENTION IN POLITICAL AFFAIRS OF OTHER GOVERNMENTS; AND PARA 8(D) - FOR ATTEMPTS TO IMPOSE CONTROLS ON MOVEMENTS OF CITIZENS.

C. U.S. VOTED IN FAVOR OF RES 4, WORLD PLAN OF ACTION, WHICH RECEIVED OVERWHELMING SUPPORT FROM ALL BUT THE

SOVIET BLOC.

D. U.S. VOTED AGAINST RES 20 OWING TO UNACCEPTABLE REFERENCES TO CERDS IN PREAMBULAR PARAS 4 AND 5 AND TO GENERAL AND COMPLETE DISARMAMENT (WITHOUT MENTIONING CONTROLS) IN OPERATIVE PARA 5.

E. U.S. ABSTAINED ON RES 21 OWING TO UNACCEPTABLE REFERENCES TO CERDS IN LAST PREAMBULAR PARA.

F. U.S. VOTED AGAINST RES 32 OWING TO REFERENCES TO ELIMINATING ZIONISM IN PREAMBULAR AND OPERATIVE PARAS AND BECAUSE OF REFERENCES TO ALLEGED FUNDAMENTAL HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS BY ISRAEL.

G. U.S. VOTE AGAINST DECLARATION OF MEXICO WAS BASED ON UNACCEPTABLE REFERENCES TO ELIMINATING ZIONISM, ALLEGED HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS BY ISRAEL, IMPLEMENTATION OF CERDS AND NIEO, AND FULL AND PERMANENT SOVEREIGNTY OF STATES OVER NATURAL RESOURCES AND THE RIGHT OF NATIONALIZATION (WITHOUT QUALIFICATION).

4. USDEL SHOULD OPPOSE ANY BLANKET ENDORSEMENT OR ANY CALL FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF DECLARATION OR OF ANY RESOLUTION ABOVE WHICH U.S. OPPOSED, AS WELL AS ANY SPECIFIC ENDORSEMENT OF THE OBJECTIONABLE PROVISIONS. IF SEPARATE VOTES ARE HELD ON OFFENDING PARAS, USDEL SHOULD VOTE NO, BUT MAY USE ITS DISCRETION--IN CONSULTATION WHEN FEASIBLE WITH MAJOR ALLIES--WHETHER TO REQUEST SUCH SEPARATE VOTES OR WHETHER TO SIMPLY REQUEST VOTE ON RESOLUTION AS A WHOLE WITH APPROPRIATE EXPLANATION. INGERSOLL

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